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## Memorandum

To: Acting Director of Territorial Affairs

From: C. Brewster Chapman, Jr.  
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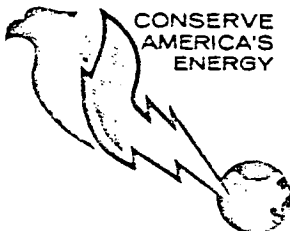
*Brewster Chapman Jr.*

Subject: Effect of extending Federal health programs on practice by  
native nurses and medical officers in TTPI //

I received your request for my comments on the subject question at 3:30 p.m., February 3, 1975, with the understanding that you wanted a response back by today. Accordingly, I can only give you my judgment unconfirmed by any research or contacts with other agencies who might be knowledgeable in the field. Moreover, the question is not altogether clear.

As I understand it, there are "permanent residents" of the Mariana Islands who are licensed under TTPI law to practice nursing and act as medical officers or practitioners who are concerned about whether they may continue to practice their professions, if Federal laws became applicable. I infer from this question that the "permanent residents" referred to are a part of the indigenous population who have received training in the fields of nursing and medicine which might not qualify them to practice in the States.

At the outset it should be noted that the Federal Government does not establish the qualifications of doctors and nurses to practice their professions. The qualifications for licenses in these fields are left to the several states. Accordingly, I do not believe that the nurses and medical officers will be disfranchised by any Federal law from practicing locally. On the other hand, if a Federal health program is extended to Micronesia (or the Mariana Islands) and it requires as a condition to participation that the nurses and medical officers in the program meet standards that are higher than those required in the TTPI, then it is my opinion that these nurses and medical officers would not be qualified to participate in that particular program.



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January 31, 1975

Memorandum

To: Mr. Wilson  
From: Mary Vance Trent  
Subject: Today's Discussions

These points have come up today:

1. Larry Caldwell of OMB telephoned to say OMB's substitute phrase for "Guam Consumer Price Index" in sec. 704 (c) of the Covenant is: General GNP Implicit Price Deflator.

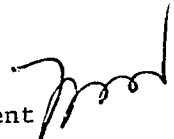
2. In conversation with Adrian Winkel, he referred to a discussion in Rep. Burton's office on the Covenant in which I believe you and Adrian de Graffenried participated. Winkel noted to me especially Burton's "informal recommendation" concerning sec. 502 (a) (3) and (b). Burton recommends that appropriate P.L. no. be substituted for "Fair Labor Standards Act" in (a) (3), and that (b) be redrafted with positive rather than negative expression "to avoid controversy on the Hill". He (Burton) feels that perhaps the two subsections could be combined, according to Winkel.

3. Winkel has cleared off on the proposed changes in sec. 605. He suggested drafting adjustment in (c) (3) inserting for or after eligible in two places where used.

4. Winkel reserves on proposed changes in sec. 502 (a) asking why reference to Titles I, X and XIV of the Social Security Act is being deleted. Tom Johnson is tracking this down with the Social Security officer and we will inform Winkel - and you - of latter's reaction.

5. I have telephoned to the Ambassador the substance of several interesting memcons from Bergesen and Schiele which arrived this afternoon pointing up Palacios/Tenorio concerns (land alienation, immigration, U.S. Congressional approval, funding) and Santos' inaction.

6. Cable from CINCPACREP Guam reports factors which observers feel obviate any real sense of urgency in opening discussion on status with Guam. Cable concludes that no serious Guamanian protests would result from proceeding with U.S. - Marianas agreement at this time.

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January 30, 1975

Memorandum

To: Staff Assistant - Education & Social Affairs  
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From: Legal Adviser, OMSN

Subject: Federal H.E.W. Programs and Grants and their Impact  
on Medical Officers Right to Practice in the TTPI

Ambassador Williams has asked for clarification from your office relative to the above subject.

As you know, some permanent residents of the Mariana Islands are nurses or medical officers and hold their rights to practice medicine by virtue of TTPI licensing regulations. Under our draft covenant, all the federal health programs extending to Guam and the several states will be extended to the Northern Mariana Islands.

The question has arisen whether these nurses and medical officers would be entitled, as a matter of right, to continue to practice their professions after a change in political status notwithstanding the application of federal laws to the Northern Mariana Islands. These individuals fear that current federal laws would bar their rights to practice their professions. We seek to clarify this issue with a negative or positive answer.

Your assistance is requested.

  
Adrian de Graffenried

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